(9) M/s Rymbai Gas Agency, Jowai. (10)
M/s James Flame, Williamnagar.

(b) to (d) As per the existing policy, on the basis of economic viability, dealership/distributorships included in the Marketing Plan arc advertised for selection through Dealer Selection Boards. Accordingly, it is proposed to set up 10 more LPG distributorships in Mcghalaya. Sclction activity is a continuous and on going process. It generally takes 1-2 years for commissiong of dealership/ distributorships from the date of issue of advertisement.

Acute shortage of LPG in Visakhapatnam

1639. DR. Y LAKSHMl PRASAD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is acute shortage of LPG for the consumers of HPCL in the Visakhapatnam city; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to meet the shortage immediately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY -QF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) Some backlog had devclped among HP gas distributors in Visakhapatnam city in the recent past due to Vizag Refinery scheduled maintenance shutdown, transporters strike etc.

(b) Supplies were arranged from other places to Visakhapatnam city to meet the demand.

Violation of tendering norms

1640. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has ordered a probe into alleged voilation of tendering norms including tampering of bids by officials of Engineers India Limited and an oil infrastructure company;

(b) if so, the full facts of the violations made by EIL and an oil company;

(c) whether Government are aware that there are large scale corruption and irregularities in various oil companies and PSUs under this Ministry; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to bring transparency in their functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) and (b) A probe was ordered into alleged irregularities by Engineers India Ltd. (EIL) in connection with a tender pertaining to Petronet CCK Ltd. (a joint venture company of oil sector PSUs to implement the Cochin-Coimbatore-Karur product pipeline). However, the probe revealed that all established tender norms and procedure were followed by EIL.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. Further, all the Public Sector Enterprises under this Ministry have a separate Vigilance Wing whose functioning is monitored by Central Vigilance Commission and the Chief Vigilance Officer of this Ministry.

Maintaining quality of products in petrol pumps

164L SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the different terminal/depots of oil compnies are suipplying water/sludge with petrol/HSD in Haryana and refund for the said quantity of water is being given to RO dealers;

(b) if so, the measures to maintain the quality of products in petrol pumps;

(c) whether huge quantity of petrol is found short on both the CoCo pumps of BPCL at Chandigarh;

(d) if so, whether it is on account of emasculation or on account of higher evaporation loss; and

(e) how much is the percentage of evaporation loss/handling loss of petrol detected on both these R/O's

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) and (b) Recently Indian Oil Coporation reportedly had one case of water contamination. The product was taken back and credit was given to the dealer by the concerned oil company. As per procedure, the Retail Outlet dealers are required to conduct the following checks to maintan quality of product:—

(i) Checking of bottom manifold seal and top seals of chambers of the tank truck at the time of receipt of product.